

# AND INTERNERVOUS APPROACH

## AMIS advantages

### No muscles cut

The preservation of all muscles may provide:

- Shorter hospital stay<sup>[2,12]</sup>
- Smaller skin incision<sup>[3]</sup>
- Shorter rehabilitation<sup>[3,4]</sup>
- Decreased post-operative pain<sup>[1,3]</sup>
- Prevention of limping<sup>[6,7,8,9]</sup>
- Less blood loss<sup>[3,12]</sup>
- Reduced risk of dislocation<sup>[4,5]</sup>
- Faster return to daily activities<sup>[2,10,11]</sup>

### Better short term results

### Not only better short term results

As a result of the AMIS technique, risks are decreased when compared to a standard technique **BOTH IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM.**

It has been demonstrated that:

- After total hip replacement, trochanteric soft tissue abnormalities may be associated with residual trochanteric pain and limping, in symptomatic patients. Defects of the abductor tendons and fatty atrophy of the gluteus medius and the posterior part of the gluteus minimus muscle are rare in asymptomatic patients.<sup>[7,8]</sup>
- The use of the anterior approach for primary total hip replacement shows, at one year after surgery, better functional results and a smaller extent of injury in the muscle and tendon units compared to other approaches.<sup>[9,13]</sup>



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ANTERIOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY  
IN HIP REPLACEMENT

## Improves quality of life!

*"My family couldn't believe that I was up and about 2 days after the surgery and were amazed by my quick recovery."*

Mr. T. B., age 68, patient

*"The result of my surgery is nothing short of perfection."*

Mrs. L. R., age 70, patient

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## Total Hip Replacement

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## The anterior approach

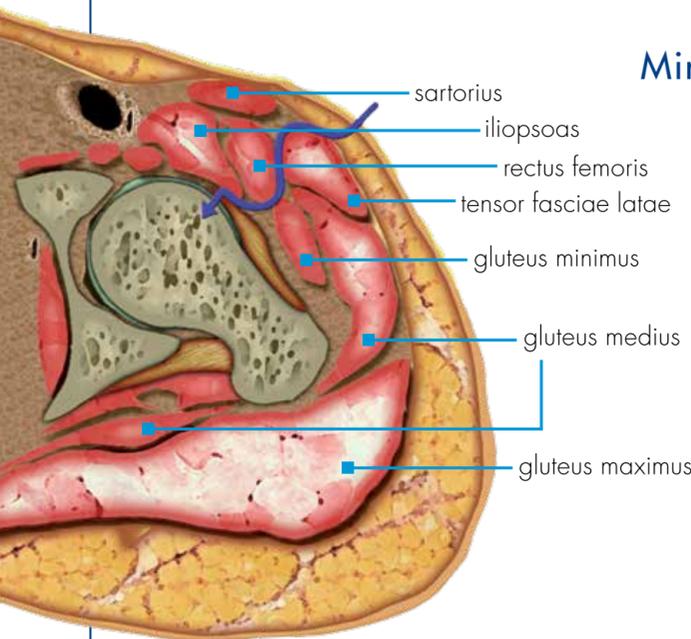
Total Hip Replacement is a safe and clinically proven surgical procedure. Implant manufacturers and orthopaedic surgeons have been working in partnership on total hip replacement for many years, the former improving and mastering the materials used and the latter refining the implantation techniques, introducing many "so called" minimally invasive surgeries.

### AMIS by Medacta: true Minimally Invasive Surgery

A **TRUE MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGICAL TECHNIQUE** is characterised by the preservation of muscles, nerves and tendons encountered during the surgery to the hip joint capsule, resulting in a reduced skin incision.

AMIS (Anterior Minimally Invasive Surgery) is a true minimally invasive technique.

Other approaches advertised as minimally invasive (posterior, lateral or double incision approach) are associated with muscle, nerve and/or tendon injury and thus are only reduced skin incision techniques.



The anterior approach, strengthened by several years of clinical experience, is the only technique which follows intermuscular and internervous planes to reduce the risk of injury to muscles, tendons, vessels and nerves.<sup>[1]</sup>

## The surgical procedure

### Access to the hip joint

The surgeon makes a short anterior skin incision to allow access to the hip joint. The hip joint capsule is exposed, preserving all the muscles encountered in the path, the surgeon then removes the head of the femur.

### Prosthesis implantation

The bone of the acetabulum and the femur is prepared to receive the prosthesis by removing any remaining cartilage and some surrounding bone using specialised instruments.

For a cementless procedure the acetabular shell is impacted directly on the bone and a liner inserted into the implant. For a cemented technique the cup is positioned after the cement application.

Following the above, a stem is inserted, with or without cement being applied, depending on the type of implant chosen. A ball head is then added to the top of the stem.

### Final reduction and closure

After implantation, the femoral head is placed into the acetabulum (prosthesis reduction), and the hip joint is recreated.

Finally, the skin is closed by stitches.

### Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation - standing up and walking with arm crutches or a walker - can usually **START THE DAY OF THE OPERATION**, subject to the doctor's approval. The risk of dislocation is minimal. Other techniques may limit the range of post-operative movements, this may not be the case with an AMIS.

In comparison with standard techniques, the AMIS approach potentially **reduces post-operative pain<sup>[2,3]</sup> and rehabilitation time.<sup>[3,4]</sup>**

Thanks to the AMIS technique, muscle preservation allows for the **immediate stability of the hip.<sup>[5]</sup>**

Minimising muscle damage **reduces the chances of limping.<sup>[6,7,8,9]</sup>**

Due to the AMIS technique, **the return to daily activities is faster.<sup>[2,10,11]</sup>**

## The prosthetic implant

Total Hip Replacement surgery substitutes the damaged bone and cartilage of the joint with polyethylene or ceramic and metallic components.



- ① Femoral stem
- ② Head
- ③ Acetabular shell
- ④ Liner

A hip prosthesis is an artificial articulation composed of a **femoral stem** with a **head** (sphere) and a socket **cup** (acetabular shell and liner, if necessary).

- ① The femoral stem is made of metal (usually a titanium or cobalt chrome alloy or stainless steel).
- ② The head is made of ceramic or metal.
- ③ The cup is made of 1 or 2 pieces, depending on the procedure: cemented (usually only one component of polyethylene) or cementless (metallic acetabular shell and liner).
- ④ In the case of a metallic acetabular shell a ceramic or polyethylene liner articulates against the head.